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SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 1185th TO 1214th MEETINGS

Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
from 3 to 21 March 1997

Corrigendum

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The present document contains the corrections received from members of the Committee, delegations and the Secretariat applying to the English text of the summary records of the public meetings of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its fiftieth session (CERD/C/SR.1185-1191, 1192-1212, 1213/Add.1 and 1214).

The Committee also held two closed meetings, the summary records of which (CERD/C/SR.1191/Add.1 and 1213) were issued in restricted distribution. No corrections to the records of the closed meetings were received.

With the issuance of the present corrigendum, the summary records of the meetings held by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at its fiftieth session are to be considered final.

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1186th meeting

Paragraph 14

Lines 2 to 7 should read

fourteenth report dealing with the United Kingdom's dependent territories. As regards Hong Kong, he wished only to point out, following concern expressed in a number of quarters about the so-called ethnic minorities in Hong Kong, that his Government intended to enact legislation to give members of the ethnic minorities the right to be registered as British citizens and therefore the right of abode in the United Kingdom. A bill for that purpose had passed

Paragraph 15, line 4

After Anguilla insert, like the Governments of the other dependent territories,

1187th meeting

Paragraph 25

Lines 2 to 4 should read

paragraphs 105 and 106, concerning the non-incorporation of the provisions of the Convention in the domestic legislation of the United Kingdom, had given rise to some confusion. Those paragraphs did not mean that the United Kingdom

Paragraph 28

Line 2: before ethnic minorities insert members of the

Line 4 to 6 should read

the Committee that legislation which would meet their concerns was to be enacted before 1 July 1997. That would permit such persons to acquire full British citizenship

Paragraph 29

Lines 9 and 10: replace adopt specific acts by enact specific legislation

Line 12: after privacy insert in respect of personal data

Paragraph 30

Lines 3 to 7 should read

all new legislation to be in both English and Chinese. The Ordinance empowered the Governor in Council - after consultation with the advisory committee - to declare authentic the Chinese text of existing laws enacted only in English. All Hong Kong

Line 13: after Chinese insert in the Court of Appeal

Paragraph 44

Line 4 should read

enter into legally binding agreements with individuals or corporate bodies regarding the elimination of

Last sentence: replace the existing text by the following:

As far as central Government was concerned, its functions in Northern Ireland were subject to the Policy Appraisal and Fair Treatment (PAFT) guidelines, which ensured that issues of equality and equity conditioned policy-making and were central to all spheres of Government activity. The guidelines were designed to ensure fairness between ethnic groups and between people of different religious beliefs, political opinions, gender, age, marital status and sexual orientation.

Paragraph 46

Replace the existing text by the following:

The 1991 census in Northern Ireland had not included a question on ethnic groups. Representatives of minority ethnic groups had been consulted with a view to testing a question in June 1997 for inclusion in the 2001 census.

1212th meeting

Paragraph 34

In the sub-heading preceding the paragraph, and in line 1, for 11 read 13

Paragraph 39, line 2

For paragraph 11 read paragraph 13

1214th meeting

Paragraph 23, line 3

Replace and that periodic by and that comprehensive

Paragraph 51, penultimate sentence

Replace the existing text by the following:

The Committee also faced a resource problem; Committee members had said that it should be possible for the Committee's Secretary to be with them throughout their meetings and not need to be absent so often to see to other business.